The friends addressed your wife as follows:
Miss Jane Martineau.
Ste Brelade.
Jersey.
Testimonial.
Emplan.

Weymouth
June 30th 1876.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

I thank you with all my heart for your most welcome assurance of sympathy just received in an event so profoundly felt by me as the death of Harriet Martineau.

Her friendship has been the great strength & blessing of my life: — such sublime, devoted self-sacrifice! such genius, judgment, knowledge, industry, sympathy! such strong affection and fidelity! — & I have been allowed to appreciate them by her great love, even then the supreme

devotion of all her great powers to the good of the world! Powers so varied that one knows not how to class the possessor — whether as philosopher, statesman, agriculturalist, traveller, novelist, publicist, journalist, political economist, Educator, historian. She was all these in whatever she undertook: distinguished by her high qualities of heart & mind, — by her breadth of view, her depth of feeling, & her accuracy of information under whatever form or guise she wrote: beloved by the people, beloved by the nobles; for her love & Cahoons were for all, from Royalty to Peasantry, — from Lords to Labourers; endeared to all because they have all one human heart. And all this without detriment to the controlling charm of her household life.

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One great benefit of her life to me is that the view of its wide scope & complete fulfilment raises me "above the blasphemy of grief". Long since she made me promise not to wish for the continuance of her life under such conditions of protracted & severe suffering as have made death imminent for so many years, — years during which she has stood on life's threshold offering a glad welcome to death while making every moment rich works of public benefit & private charity.

I have as yet no particulars. A cable despatch from her niece only says, — "Aunt died last night."

I subjoin her niece's address, as the person to whom

Harriet made all
friends know you as one
to none in her high &
greatest esteem. How many
times has she dwelt upon it
as her letters to me! & Mr. Niece
will be deeply moved & comforted
by this assurance of your
sympathy. She is a lady of
middle age, who has been
devoted friend of her aunt
since with her for years,
both her to the last.

I am greatly gratified
to hear of your enjoyment
of the Centennial occasion, &
sincerely hope the exertion may
prove ultimately beneficial. One
willing to undergo some pain for
such pleasure.

I am as always,
Your obliged & affectionate friend
W. T. Rajnman.

I knew you would feel with me this bereavement
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